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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 97,713)

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In re the Application of:

Coley et al.

Application No. 08/595,957

Filed: February 6, 1996

For: FIREWALL SYSTEM FOR
PROTECTING NETWORK
ELEMENTS CONNECTED
TO A PUBLIC NETWORK

Examiner: Stephen Elmore

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4/10/98SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further in response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 1997, please amend the above captioned application as follows:

In the CLAIMS:

*Please cancel claim 33 without prejudice.**Please amend claims 47-51 as indicated below:**In claim 47, line 1, delete "form" and insert --from--.**In claim 48, line 1, delete "form" and insert --from--.**In claim 49, line 1, delete "form" and insert --from--.**In claim 50, line 9, delete the period "." at the end of the line and insert --; and--.*

51. (Once Amended) A firewall method for protecting a network element from unauthorized access over a network to which the network element is attached, the method comprising the steps